week, three bound for Americas, while the Adriatic and the Zeeland are expected to sail this week, three bound for Americas, while the Adriatic and the Zeeland are expected to arrive. The Baltic is carrying 150 passengers, many Americans homeward bound being anxious to be beyond British waters before the day of the blockade arrives. The passengers on the Baltic include the Hongers of the will brazenly proclaim to the whole world that it has been done to whome the honger remarks:

"Germany cannot expect great results in a few days. The Germans anticipate that England will keep back for own ships in her harbors, only anticipate that England will keep back for own ships in her harbors, only anticipate that England will keep back for own ships in her harbors, only interest the surface of the submarines by the surface of the submarines of the submarines of the submarine with a wild outburst in the German press against faulteranded with the German press against feutral countries and with the formulation of desperate ocharges of inhumanity against fruits in the German press against feutral countries and with the formulation of desperate ocharges of inhumanity against feutral countries and with the formulation of desperate ocharges of inhumanity against feutral countries and with the formulation of desperate ocharges of inhumanity against feutral countries and with the formulation of d

setting forth her side of the case are considered mere quilables and get seant efficial attention.

Bernstorff's Note Arrives.

Count von Bernstorff's latest note, which had not arrived yesterday, was broday placed before the Fore; no office by Ambassador Page without comment, simply being furnished to the British government for information. There is no announcement of the drastic measures which England intends to take, but reports continue that it will be a complete stoppage of all commerce with Germany, it will severely affect neutrals, but it is considered been that the situation has reached a point where England is compelled to pay more attention to her own interests. The government is balancing the allemation of neutral sentiment against converte achievement over the enemy, sand the later doubtless will win. Sir parding the treatment of neutral com-

May Disregard Rules. marines will ca Sir Edward Grey's words, "It is im- of English ports May Disregard Rules.

and Folkestone. At the Continental offices of the South Eastern, the Great Eastern, the London and South Western and the London, Brighton & South Coast railways no changes of cross-channel services have been announced. In the last few days a large number of vessels have cleared from the ports of Great Britain, but whether the work was rushed to get them away from home waters before Thursday is a matter of speculation.

An official of one of the transatlantic lines said to The Tribune correspondent to-day: "It is my personal opinion that Germany is not intending to sink any Allantic lines with Americans aboard despite all their bluster. What I think they hope to do is to sink a number of smaller British carft, believing that by sid doing they will demoralize shapping entirely. If that is their belief it shown not a single salling of any of the regular liners has been cancelled. We are doing some waterful waiting to get with a merican saled with a wild outburst in the sealed with a w

## English Harbors To Be Mined.

5.000,000 Rich Germans May Be Ordered Abroad

Copenhagen, Feb. 17 .- The report is in circulation here that, owing to the necessity of restricting food consumption, the German government intends ordering 5,000,000 Germans who possess independent incomes and are ineligible for military service to leave Germany for neutral countries and remain there

until the war is over. It is planned, according to the re port, that 3,000,000 of these person shall go to the Scandinavian countries, 1,000,000 to Holland and 1,000,000 to Switzerland.

tion of serious risk to her shipping and her citizen passengers aboard neutral or British vessels and with full recognition of this condition is expected to stand firmly by her position assumed in the note to Germany and reither to medify nor to amend her the standard proposition looking to content to the

assumed in the note to Germany and neither to medify nor to amend her position at Germany's behest. The official text of Germany's note

"The imperial government expresses the firm hope that the American gov-ernment will stand on its right in this

Grey has discussed the situath Ambassador Page. The last
the American protest is still
the Ame nother indication of England's intendent to take action, and is considered from Berlin, saying:

"The two weeks' notice given on intention to America, the received here, published a telegram ors of the rainbow, are not going to revealed. All the noisy and somewhat ridiculous manceuvres of the 'imaginary cancel a single sailing to-morrow. No one in Denmark believes the German one in Denmark believes the German accusation that the English are voices heard in England action is taken such as in

on the subject of contraband is as fol-

is exclusively on 'wheat, rye, both un-

'wheat, rye, oats and barley

trals, of which the great American re-public has become the champion, nor does it renounce the threatened re-

February 4 of the intention to begin one in Denmark believes the German operations on February 18 has been utilized by the enemy. Nevertheless, we have placed ourselves in a correct what menaces them shows at the compelling of neutrals to make their voices heard in England asking the British government to permit provisions to enter Germany. No ship disguised in such a way would be allowed to enter a Danish harborn. attitude toward neutrals.

"What menaces them, above all, are the mines placed by Great Britain against our submarines, and also, one must say, the mines which our submarines will carry into the entrances of English ports."

be allowed to enter a Danish harbor.

Rome, Feb. 17.—Commenting on the diplomatic exchanges between the must say, the mines which our submarines will carry into the entrances of English ports."

has been asserting that the dangers of famine were absolutely non-existent.

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# BRITISH ARGUMENT

to think of going back on them.

"As Germany points out, the doctrine does not really extend the principle regarding contraband, but only the practice, and the extension has been rendered absolutely necessary by the development of land transport through railways. To take a concrete case, nobody during the Napoleonic wars would have thought of Genoa as a harbor for importing any serious quantity of conhave thought of Genoa as a harbor for importing any serious quantity of contraband into Germany. The road transportation would have been prohibitive. Now, thanks to railways, it would be quite easy for Germany to obtain al the contraband he wants through that port alone if no steps were taken to stop it at sea."

"The Daily News" in an editorial on Great Britain's reply to the American note, says:

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can naval attaché in Berlin that Ger-many is contemplating an offer to the

many is contemplating an offer to the United States in express violation of the last of Bismarck's provisions." Referring to Admiral Bahncke's sug-gestion that American ships should wait at an Irish port till American warships could convoy them through the proclaimed waters the editoriat

"It is for the American government to consider whether the proposed safe conduct is sufficiently valuable to justify the apparent sanction of a rever tify the apparent sanction of a river-sion to the mest outrageous form of barbarism in warfare. Sir Edward Grey's reply states quite frankly that it is impossible for one belligerent to depart from the rules and for the other to remain bound by them,' and con-tains a clear threat that if German submarines do what they threaten to do

foodstuffs will be reconsidered by this

date \$458,947.67.

Ten additional American Red Cross trained nurses will sail for France on the Rochambeau on Saturday. Six of them speak French. Nine are detailed to Yvetot and one to Paris. The nurses

# RUSSIANS PREPARE TO TRAP PURSUERS

Count on Launching Offensive When Ground Thaws.

## WILL TAKE STAND ON CHOSEN LINE

Petrograd Military Experts Confident Plan Will Win Victory Through Enemy's Losses.

Petrograd, Feb. 17 .- The Germans, according to reliable military information, are preparing for a general atble to any proposition looking to con-trol by a special American organiza-tion under the supervision of the Amer-ican consular officers, and, if necessary, will itself make a proposition in that

my's immense offensive plan.

The Germans, it is believed, now consider the position in Central Poland before Warsaw as a stalemate. The tactics in the extreme south are imposing on the Austrians the necessity of urging the German staff to send them still more men.

As soon as Mrs. Berglass regained her sones she said two young men came in, and one asked to see some bracelets. She became suspicious and started to call her husband. As she fill so one of the youths struck her on the head. She yelled "Thief" as she fell, and the pair fled. The stock was found untoched. will itself hake a proposition in direction.

"Fifth—The German government further calls attention to the fact that municipalities do not form part of or belong to the government, but are 'self-administrative bodies,' which are elected by the inhabitants of the commune in accordance with fixed rules, was therefore exclusively represent

mune in accordance with fixed rules, and, therefore, exclusively represent the private part of the population and act as it directs. Although these principles are generally known and obtain flour imigral. It that Council's avoid any further unnecessary delay. "Sixth Hence is it absolutely assured that imported food products will be consumed by the civilian population in Germany exclusively, and there remains no doubt upon which England ject similar and flour the use of civilians.

mune in accordance with fixed rules, and, therefore, exclusively represent of urging the German staff to send them still more men.

The Russian force recently in Southern Bukowina has moved north of Nadworna and now threatens the right flank of the German corps, which persists in its despera e assaults on Wyzkow Pass. The Austrians, who are assembled in great force around Nadworna and flour the consumed by the civilian population and flour the use of civilians.

After a desperate attempt to break through the Russian defence at the

Mania.

After a desperate attempt to break through the Russian defence at the salient point of the line at Borjimow, which was successfully mastered, the Germans advanced in East Prussia in the overwhelming strength of ten to one against the Russian force which for months past had been quietly pushing forward in this region. The Russians were fully aware of this movement and made no serious attempt to check it. Instead, they moved forward a strong cavalry screen through the region on the right bank of the lower Vistula, which at one time penetrated into German territory, while they developed a sudden activity in the region of the Mazurian Lakes, with the object of fixing the Germans in their determination to attack in this direction.

Apparently the Germans originally estimated the force necessary for their purpose here at four new army corps is addition to the men already holding Apparently the Germans originally estimated the force necessary for their purpose here at four new army corps in addition to the men already holding the positions in East Prussia. The cadres for these four corps were quietless of these four corps were quietless of the making less than the second of the second of the making less than the second of the making less than the second of the second cadres for these four corps were quietly withdrawn from armies on the western front and the numbers filled up from new levies in the interior of Germany. When, however, the Russians began making a show of renewed activity over a wide front, extending from the lower Vistula to Tilsit, the Germans doubled their original estimate. From eight to ten German army corps are now believed to have been concentrated in East Prussia and concerning to be making particularly violent attempts to gain and concerning whose safety fears had been felt, was taken by a British warbeen hand to hand. The official built in states that the Germans suffered huge losses in their attacks at several points in this region.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Fierce fighting is taking place in the Champagne region in France, according to to-day's official report. It mentions the capture of numbers of prisoners, and states that the Vistula.

Bellin is Time.

## Russians Retire in Time.

steadily increasing warm weather.

## Russia's Plan Unchanged.

"The Russians got away just in the nick of time. Instead of having behind them fifty or sixty miles of roadless and impassable territory, with an overwhelming foe in front, they have just reversed the situation. The Germans have not scores of miles of the

## DENOUNCES BREAD LINE Says He Offered Man a Job and Received a Threat.

Men and women in the Knickerbocker bread line and watchers across the street listened yesterday to a denunciation of the hotel's charity by a man

who gave the name of John Freeman, of 141 West Fifteenth Street.
"My cellar needs cleaning," shouted F. eman, "and I offered a man three meals and 75 cents a day to clean it. He told me to move on or he'd punching face."

my face."
Less than a thousand men and only about a hundred women and eleven children were in the line, the smallest number since it was established.

## THIEVES FOILED BY CRY

Knock Jeweller's Wife Senseless When Alarm Is Raised. Soloman Berglass, a jeweller, was having dinner in his apartment over his shop at 235 Stanton Street last evening, when the cry of "goneff" arose from below. Berglass ran down into the shon, almost tumbling over the body of his wife, who was unconscious from a blackjack blow, behind the from a blackjack blow, behind the

# LINES OF WORKS

Inflict Big Loss on Ger-Fight in Argonne.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Advances have been made by the Allies at several points along the battle front from the Arras region to Alsace, while the Germanhave been repulsed in their continued efforts to dislodge the French from the two miles of trenches north of the two miles of trenches north of the Beausejour farm, in the Champagne district, which the invaders lost on Monday.

Monday.

The fighting in this section of the front is still in progress. According to to-night's official report, the Fren heave captured about 900 yards of German positions immediately west of the line of carthworks captured day before year targets.

time that one of Bangert's former em-ployes disappeared. A few days before her return Bangert received a letter from his father, on the strength of which he took steps to have his wife

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## OSCAR II TAKEN INTO BRITISH PORT

Warship Convoys Ship Bound for Copenhagen to Kirkwall, Then Releases Her. New York agents of the Scandi-

navian-American Line announced yesterday that the steamship Oscar II, which sailed from this port on Febru- Emperor Will Make Amends for ary 4 for Christiania and Copenhagen,

chocolate and cocoa, composed the bulk a dispatch from the Cerman capital. representative of the line. These were his regret to Mr. Gerard on the exconsigned by American wholesale mer-chants, it was said, to merchants in esty at the East Prussian fortress of "There is not a pound of contraband to have accepted the Emperor's invita-

May Burgard Blace.

WASHINGTON NOT LIKELY

TO YIELD TO GERMANY
There is a indication that the second control of the control of aboard," a representative of the line tion to go to Koenigsberg. stand it. The cargo was destined to the United States Embassy were atthe neutral port of Copenhagen. We cannot understand why the ship was detained, especially as the United lish. When informed that his remarks Steamship Company of Copenhagen, which owns the Scandinavian-Ameriam Line, has twenty-six steamers plyviolent tirade agains the United States

# CARNEGIE HALL, WED. EVE., FEB. IM. BRYAN

GERARD TO RECEIVE KAISER'S APOLOGY

Hostile Demonstration in Theatre. Basle, Feb. 17 .-- Emperor William will apologize personally to James W. Ge-

rard, the American Ambassador to Germany, for the hostile demonstration which occurred at a Berlin theatre en Foodstuffs, mostly fruits, provisions, the evening of February 9, according to

Ambassador Gerard and a party from

## WESTERN FRONT.

In Alsace we have taken control of the ridges which dominate the Sudel farm, and we have retained all the ground conquered.

Our aviators have bombarded the railway station of Freiburg-in-Breisgau. (issued at 2:45 P. M.)—In spite of an active cannonade the French and English aviators who yesterday threw bombs in the region of Ghistelles and Ostend have been able to re-enter our lines unharmed.

The Reigian artillery has carried out some effective sheeting against wath-

In the Argonne there was considerable activity. Near Fontaine Aux Charmes we have destroyed a blockhouse and 100 metres of trenches. A German attack launched by at least three battalions between Four de Paris and Hill 263, west of Boureuilles, has been very severe. We have entirely repulsed it, inflicting on the enemy huge losses and taking some prisoners.

More to the east, in the forest of Melancourt, we have captured 100 metres of trenches.

From the Meuse to the Vosges nothing noteworthy has occurred.

BERLIN.—Obviously induced to do so by our great successes in the east, the British and French yesterday and during last night began especially stubborn attacks at many places. In their unsuccessful attempts to recapture positions which they lost on February 14 the British lost in prisoners four officers

the Bochambeau on Saturday. Six of them speak French. Nine are detailed to Yvetot and one to Paris. The nurses are dissected the property of the property of the state of the property of the

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"The passage recalling Prince Bis-marck's speech to the Kiel Chamber of Commerce is the more piquant as it would appear from the interview be-tween Admiral Bahneke and the Ameri-

# **ALLIES TAKE TWO**

# mans Near Arras-Bitter [By Cable to The Tribune.]

his cell in the Westchester Coun-

Koenigsberg. Mr. Gerard is reported

for permitting the exportation of arms. He was finally suppressed by the theatre attendants.

# Official War Bulletins

WESTERN FRONT.

PARIS (Issued at 10:55 p. m.)—From the sea to the Oise our artillery has carried on an efficacious shelling, which has dispersed a number of gatherings, blown up some caissons and destroyed some trains.

To the north of Arras we have taken two lines of trenches and beaten back violent counter attacks. We have made some prisoners and inflicted on the enemy heavy losses. A number of German officers have been killed.

In the neighborhood of Rheims, near Loivre, the advances made on February 16—several hundred metres—have been maintained and consolidated.

In the Champagne district we have followed up our gains to the northwest of Perthes and have captured positions of the enemy on a front of 800 metres. All the German counter attacks to the north of Mesnil-les-Hurlus and Beausejour have been repulsed. We captured a large bomb thrower and several small ones and made 200 prisoners. This engagement continues.

In the Argonne we have made progress in the forest of La Grurie and maintained our gain, notwithstanding two violent counter attacks and several very hot actions at close quarters, which resulted in heavy losses to the enemy.

A strong attack by the Germans was completely repulsed at Four de Paris. Between the Argonne and the Meuse we have made progress at divers points.

The Belgian artillery has carried out some effective shooting against gatherings of troops and shelters.

In Champagne ten of the enemy's counter-attacks were repulsed during

the law in regard to contraband in